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Sent: 7/25/2012 3:00:20 PM
To: Robert Delp/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
CC: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA
Subject: Dimock questions and proposed responses... Let us know if yo approve...

Ex. 5 - Deliberative

Question: In prior statements about the Dimock investigation, you said, "Once all of the sample results are complete, we will conduct a comprehensive review to determine if there are any trends or patterns in the data as it relates to home well water quality." Did EPA perform such a review? If not, will it do so and when?

EPA Response: Throughout this process, which now has included five separate data releases, EPA has reviewed analytical results, and the particular circumstances at each residence, to make determinations on whether the situations presented a health concern, and if a further EPA action was warranted. The cumulative result from those efforts is a review which has shown that with only a few exceptions we did not find levels of hazardous substances in well water that could present a health concern. In those cases where the levels could present a health concern, we found that the residents have now or will have their own treatment systems that can reduce concentrations of contaminants to acceptable levels at the tap.

Question: Also, the press release notes that at the homes with elevated arsenic, barium or manganese the residents "have now or will have their own treatment systems that can reduce concentrations of those hazardous substances to acceptable levels at the tap." Are you referring to the treatment systems that Cabot is committed to provide to methane-affected residents through the consent order and settlement with DEP?

EPA response: No, these are pre-existing treatment systems owned by the homeowner.

Question: Will EPA ensure that the treatment systems are connected before it discontinues water delivery?

EPA Response: EPA has already reviewed the circumstances and the treatment systems are already connected.

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Date: 07/25/2012 01:53 PM
Subject: Re: EPA Completes Drinking Water Sampling in Dimock, Pennsylvania

Hi Terri and Roy,

Thank you for sending the press release. In prior statements about the Dimock investigation, you said, "Once all of the sample results are complete, we will conduct a comprehensive review to determine if there are any trends or patterns in the data as it relates to home well water quality."

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Thanks for your help.

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On Wed, Jul 25, 2012 at 1:11 PM, Terri-A White <White.Terri-A@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:
Please see attached EPA News Release - July 25, 2012